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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554 Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90

Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest

Dear Ms. Dortch:

#### Background

Granby Telephone (Granby) is a Rate of Return (RoR) Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) operating in southwest Missouri. Granby's operating territory covers largely rural and sparsely populated areas of Missouri where broadband has been deployed over FTTH facilities utilizing internal capital. Granby Telephone has served the Granby and Diamond exchanges for more than 100 years.

The Granby RoR exchanges are adjacent to several Census Tracts where locations in Price Cap Carrier exchanges remain underserved by broadband. The Census tracts for the Broadband Experiment in Price Cap Carrier exchanges are listed below.

# Geographic Territory

The general geographic area of the proposed Broadband Experiments is rural areas of Southwestern Missouri specifically in Newton County Missouri in the following Census tracts:

Census Tract: 29145020400

Broadband Experiment Locations: 609

Census Tract 29145020601

Broadband Experiment Locations: 272

Census Tract 29145020602

Broadband Experiment Locations: 472

Census Tract 29145020800

Broadband Experiment Locations: 315



Census Tracts 29145020900

Broadband Experiment Locations: 86

Census Tract 29145021000

Broadband Experiment Locations: 297

Seneca Telephone and Le-Ru Telephone are other RoR carriers operating in some of the Census Tracts listed above, those RoR areas are not a part of the proposed Broadband Experiment.

#### List of Anchor Institutions

Multiple commonly considered Community Anchor Institutions are included in the area; an exhaustive list can be supplied when the list of acceptable Anchor Institutions is known.

# Proposed technology

Granby Telephone is investing in FTTH networks as they continue their broadband upgrades, Granby would extend FTTH in these areas as the broadband platform of choice.

# State and/or Local or Tribal Government Participation in and/or Support for Project

Granby Telephone is committed to investigating, acquiring and partnering in state and local broadband efforts where collaborative efforts to promote broadband are sensible. Any current opportunities for collaboration are unknown.

# Proposed Service Offerings

Service offerings would include voice, video and data services:

Example Broadband Pricing:

10Mb: \$79/95/month 25Mb: \$92.95/month 50Mb: \$109.95/month

**Estimate of Funding** 

Annual or one time funding is acceptable for the broadband experiments. At this time more detailed eligible location information is needed to determine the actual capital costs required for broadband deployment, a preliminary estimate of costs based on Granby FTTH projects in adjacent areas suggest the capital requirements to bring FTTH to the Unserved locations to be \$20,150,000.

One time funding equal to the amount of costs to construct FTTH would be requested in the Experiment area.

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